

Commissioners Present: Joseph M Prior Chairman, Paul C. DeMaio Vice Chairman, Clerk Marshall L. Harris

Employees Present: Superintendent: Craig W. Jalbert; Secretary: Dale Barnes-Johnson

Open the Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Accept the Meeting Minutes: Passover until minutes are prepared.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Palmer Road Well Rehab ~ Maher came back out, pulled the pump and motor, removed 2 feet from the installation length and reinstalled. Pump and motor dropped right back in with no issues and the 2 feet will not have a significant effect on the pumping or longevity of the well. Waiting on Barbato to complete the install.

Town Meeting Articles ~ Craig was unaware FINCOM was meeting Monday November 4 to discuss articles until Evan called Craig prior to the meeting for a dollar amount confirmation of the Palmer Road Well rehabilitation; Evan requested \$85,000. All articles have been approved by FINCOM.

Mass DOT ~ the Palmer Office called Craig insisting the height of a manhole on Main Street near Maple Street needs to be fixed, otherwise their plows are going to hit it. Craig explained he has no intention of repairing a situation that his department did not create; since the original sewer installation in 1980 he has done nothing to it. Evidently at some point between 1980 and now the road in that area was resurfaced and MassDOT's contractor did not set the structure to the proper depth as required. A MassDOT Supervisor then called, and Craig had the same dialogue as he did in the previous call. Afterwards, Craig discussed the situation with Evan who questioned why MassDOT would think we would be responsible for repairs on a Mass Highway Project when we were not included in the sign off of the installation. Evan believes we should explore a mechanism for our inclusion in the future. With Winter fast approaching, Craig does not want our manhole to get damaged by a plow so in the interest of preserving our infrastructure he spoke with Ben Murphy at the Highway Department and they are scheduled to fix it on Friday, the MW&S Dept. will be hiring the detail officer.

Department Activity

- ~ Issues with Hospital Road day tank
- ~ 95 Bethany Road repaired leak
- ~ 241 Palmer new water service
- ~ Fall shut offs
- ~ Fall Jetting completed

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for December 2, 2020.

ADJOURN: At 4:00 p.m. a motion was made by Marty to adjourn from open session to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21 (3), not to return to open session. Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Marshall L. Harris, Clerk

cc: Selectmen